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1. Because of shortages of material needed for production, the Main Administration for Ship Construction in the East German Ministry for Heavy Machine Construction lost more than 532,000 DME in salaries when employees were unable to work between 1 January and 30 June 1955. 25X1
2. The Main Administration for Ship Construction is currently experiencing production difficulties because the Main Administration for Iron, Sheet Metal, and Metal Products (EBM) in Karl-Marx-Stadt has failed to deliver the necessary standard parts (Normteile) and metal fittings. Main Administration EBM is unable to make deliveries because the Main Administration for Industrial Requirements has priority for delivery of these items, and the production of standard parts of quality classes 60k and 80k occupies existing capacities to a great extent.
3. Plants under the Main Administration for Ship Construction are also suffering from the shortage of crude zinc. The zinc-plating installations in East German shipyards are barely functioning at present. Crude zinc is delivered to East Germany by the USSR and Poland. No more brass profiles are being delivered to the shipyards by VEB Walzwerk Hettstedt. Delivery deadlines for brass profiles have been moved up to 30 September 1955.

Comment: Under the Ministry for General Machine Construction.

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